



2017 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SELECTBOARD MEETING Monday February 6, 2017 7:00 PM

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair; Randy DeVine, LeeBeth Ann Lemieux and Duane Leach.

Staff Present: Deb Woodward, Town Clerk & Treas. DJ Leach, Colin Santee, Amy Sears

Public Present: Robbie Rodimer, Valerie Ugro, Faith Hadden, Steven Cormier

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

1-16-17 - Randy moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, so moved.

Budget minutes from 12-12-16, 1-3-17, 1-9-17, 1-16-17, 1-23-17 Randy moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, so moved.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The town and utility warrants were reviewed by Tom and approved by the Board.

Correspondence:

- Road Name Application: Sunset View was accepted as a new road name. This will be located off from Toof Road. Application was signed by Tom
- Certificate - No Appeal or Suit Pending for April 2016, was signed by the board.

Public Comment:

- Valerie Ugro, sent a letter to the Selectboard regarding problems/concerns with dogs tracking coyotes and the dog owners sitting on the roadside in their vehicles. Valerie is concerned about the safety of people walking in these areas and other animals where the dogs are out tracking. The land is posted and there has been no permission asked to be on the land.

Tom will reach out to the Game Warden on how to handle this situation. Being the nature of the circumstance this would fall under the Warden's responsibility over the local animal control officer.

- Robbie Rodimer suggested next year when the post cards are printed, that the town report is available, it also include the date and time of town meeting on them.

D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman:

D. Jay was brief this evening. The highway dept. has used a pile of salt so far this winter mixing it 50/50. We should be all set with the sand for the winter. D. Jay expects to haul in 4500-5000 yards of sand this summer. There is an injector problem on the International. At a later meeting D. Jay will have a price on a new Peterbilt truck. All is good in the Highway Dept.

Colin Santee: Recreation Director:

Colin has been working on the Town Report to go to the printers, as of tonight he is about 95% done and will be complete Tuesday.

New Idea's for upcoming events include:

- Bird Watching: A town resident is willing to offer an introduction course in Bird Watching.
- Paint n' Sip Classes: There would be an upfront cost for the canvas, easels and paint. This would be a limited number of participants per class with a registration fee. There was concern about the alcohol usually associated with these classes. The beverage could be changed to possibly coffee, espresso, etc.
- Singin' on Saturday/Concert Series
This would provide live music at the Community Center for several weeks during the summer.
- Schools out Summer Vacation kick-off Party & 5K:
Include race, activities in the park, Zumba, castle, face painting, etc.

Colin had an Unemployment Appeal Hearing by phone regarding a former employee on January 23, 2017. The hearing went smoothly and looks favorable for the Town.

The Recreation Committee was been working on the By-laws, and should have those by March.

Amy Sears, Utility Dept. Manager:

I requested a 2% inflation rate increase to both water and sewer rates. Tom asked if this could be addressed at the next meeting.

The Utility Dept. also requested the legal fees in the amount of \$15,862.50 which were paid out regarding litigations over 1126 Main Street be paid back to the Utility Dept. by the Town. The request was granted and approved by the board.

Other Business:

- *Employee Policy:* One correction was noted to the policy. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- At the time of resignation from the Lister's Dept. there was no mention in the minutes of Tamsin Coon or Robin Chapman. Both employees handed in a resignation letter to the board at the time of their leaving.
- An email was received about renting out the large conference room. Tom will look into the room application and rules.

Adjournment:

8:03 Randy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ann. The motion so moved. The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

**Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard**